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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of four months to and including March 18, 2002, in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 18, 2002.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$720 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0247.NPUS for a four-month extension of time. Should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0247.NPUS00.

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